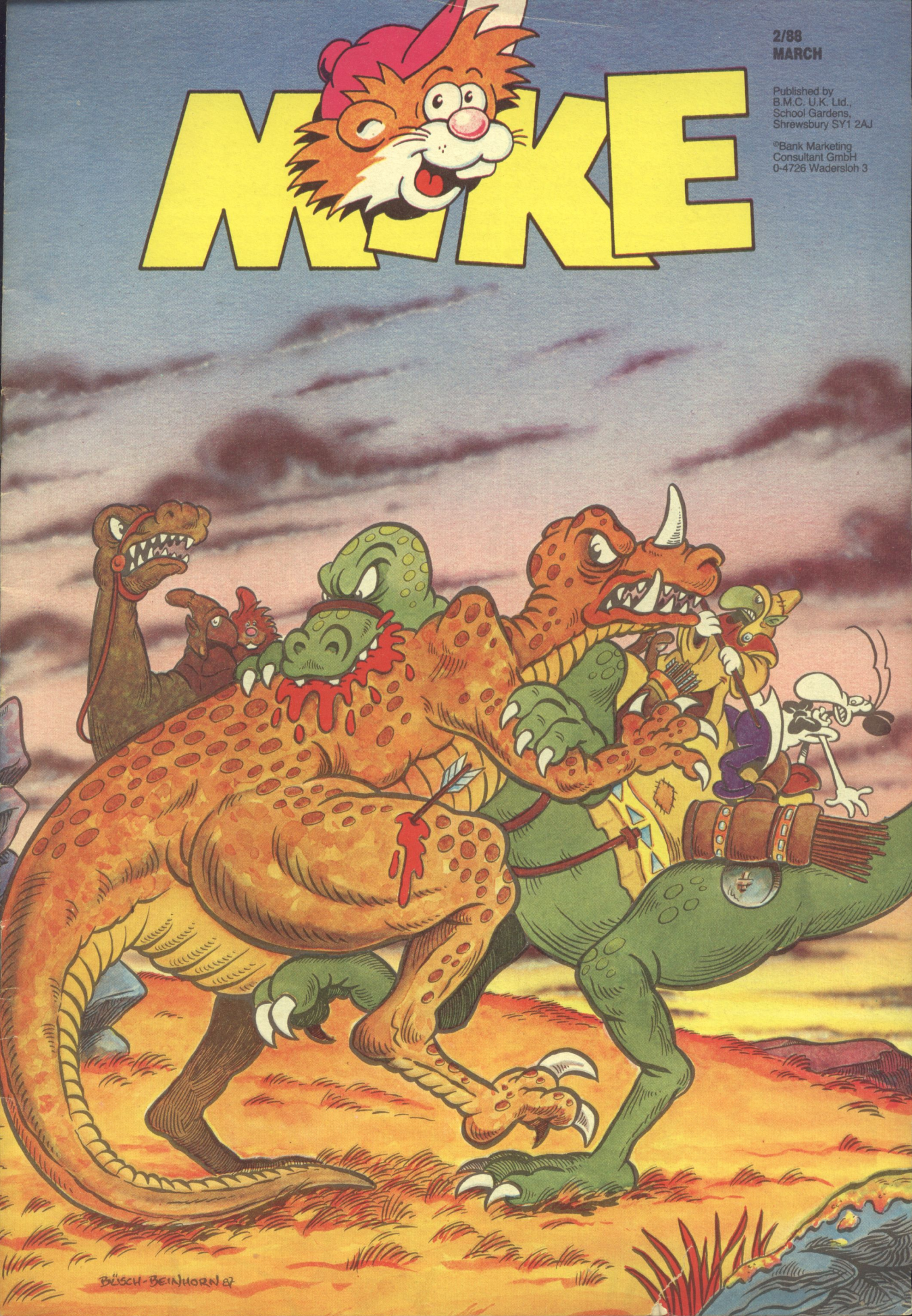
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HI, READERS!

Now that SPRING is on the way, except of course in the Southern Hemisphere, it is time to catch up with our bold adventurers, who are roaming in search of WEALTH and FOOD. They have been sending in reports from their LOST CORNERS OF THE WORLD – or in the case of Dr Charlie Snark, other worlds.

Hello! Helloooo! Is anyone there? I am an earthling, adrift 3000000000000000 miles from nowhere, not sure how to drive this spaceship. I am stuffing this message into my last pop bottle, and shall soon be throwing it out of the spaceship door. Anyone who finds it, please tell my auntie that I need a clean toothbrush and a kiss goodnight. (signed) Dr C. Snark, Space Castaway and Genius.

Well, I got away from the croc, and got my wheelbarrow back, and made it to the goldfields! Unfortunately, the only nugget I have found was one I then lost after I buzzed it at a dingo who was stealing the last of my GRUB! Still, the wheelbarrow is coming in useful for SLEEPING UNDER!

Yours brokely
MIKE

This is the most interesting holiday I have ever had! I am spending it in a very small dungeon in the castle of my Uncle RODNULA, in Transylvania! The food is delicious, if you like ICED BAT! I am tying this message to a RAT! If you receive it, please let me out, so I can go and visit my uncle with a steak, I mean STAKE!

Yours shuddering with HORROR
Rodney

Erk! Looks like the guys are in real trouble! What can possibly save them now? Find out in our next NERVE-RACKING issue!

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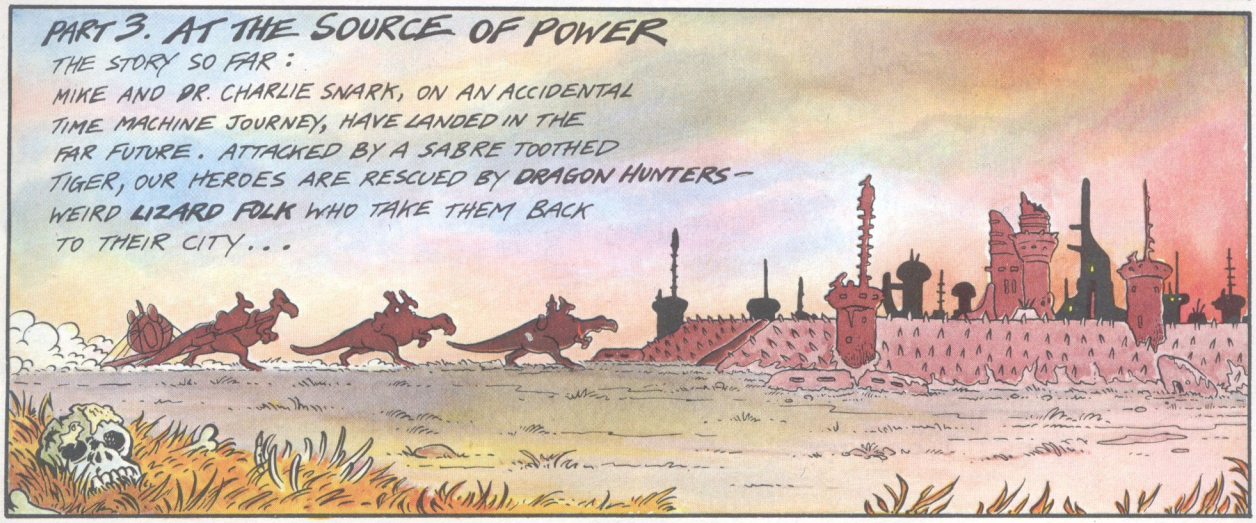
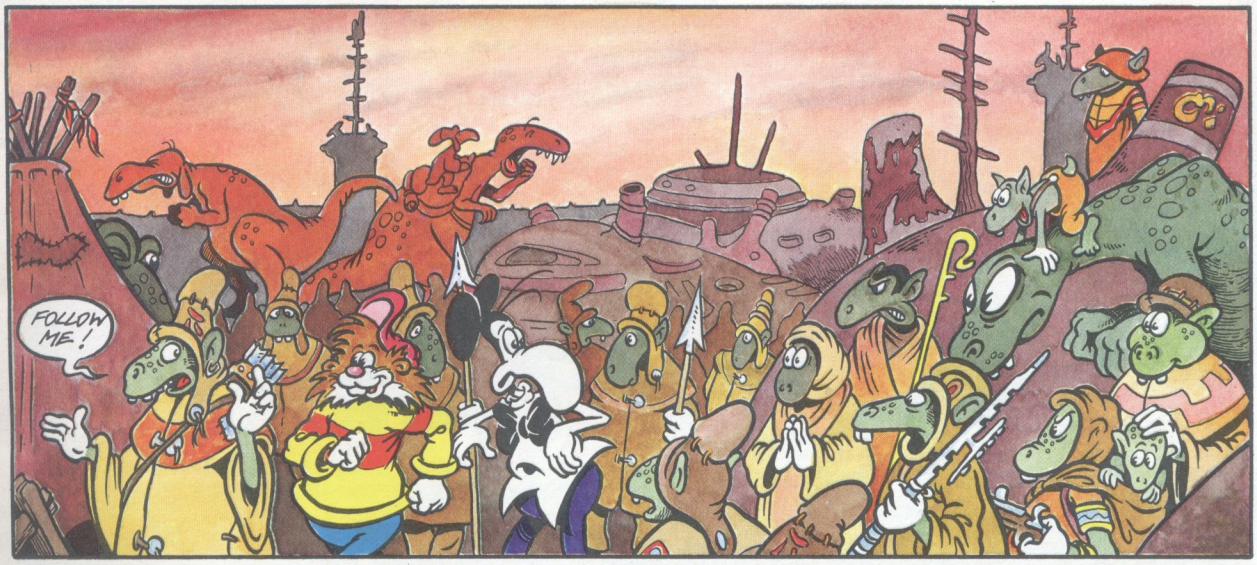
DR. CHARLIE'S TIME MACHINE

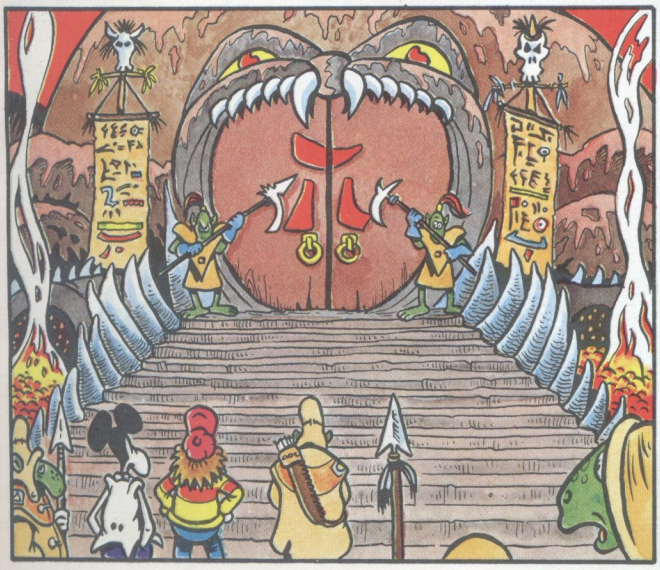
A FANTASTIC JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND SPACE!

PART 3. AT THE SOURCE OF POWER

THE STORY SO FAR:
MIKE AND DR. CHARLIE SNARK, ON AN ACCIDENTAL TIME MACHINE JOURNEY, HAVE LANDED IN THE FAR FUTURE. ATTACKED BY A SABRE TOOTHED TIGER, OUR HEROES ARE RESCUED BY **DRAGON HUNTERS** – WEIRD **LIZARD FOLK** WHO TAKE THEM BACK TO THEIR CITY...







DO YOU UNDER-STAND, MIKE?
NOT A WORD, CHARLIE!

DRAW NEAR, O WANDERERS IN TIME! I AM GOR, CHIEF OF THE DRAGON HUNTERS OF JELYIL! I MUST TELL YOU OF THE GREAT DISASTER THAT WRECKED THE EARTH LONG AGO, WHEN THE HEAVENS THUNDERED AND RAINED FIRE...

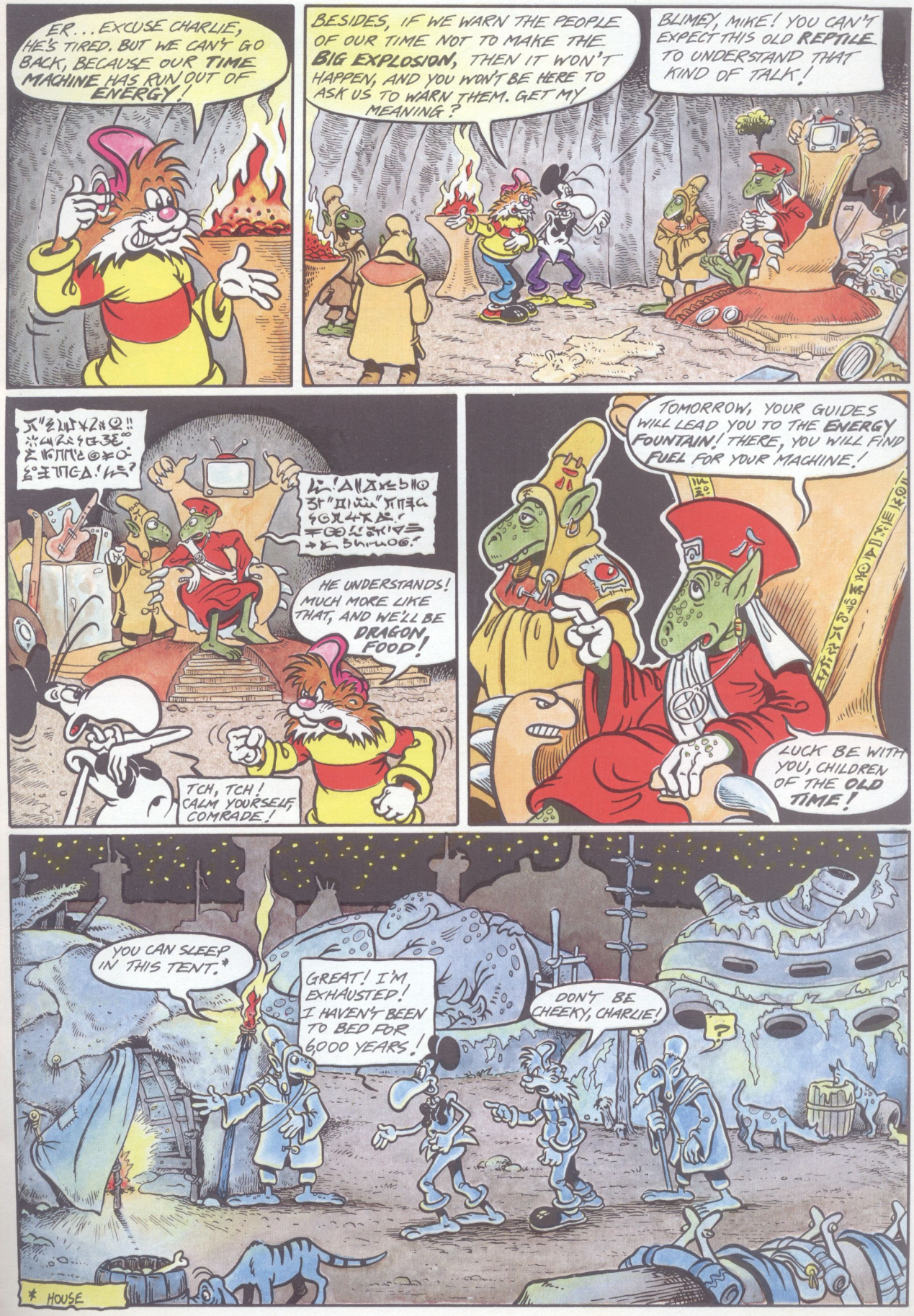
FIRE? THUNDER? YOU MEAN AN EXPLOSION?

THE GREATEST OF ALL EXPLOSIONS! IT LEFT ONLY A PITIFUL FEW SURVIVORS!

GO BACK! BACK TO YOUR TIME, AND TELL YOUR PEOPLE WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN! PERHAPS YOU CAN PREVENT IT HAPPENING, THIS TIME!

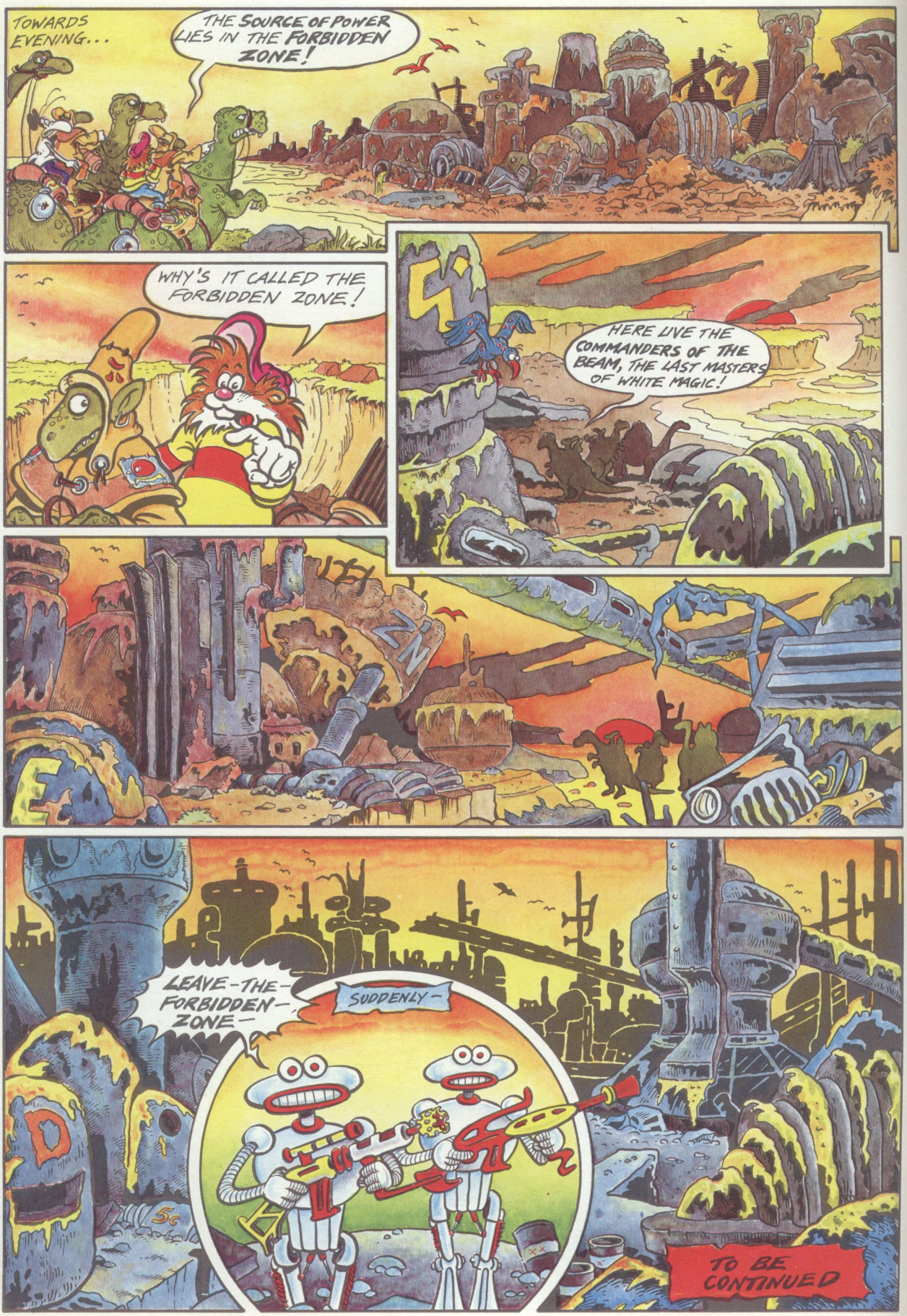
WE ARE ALL THAT IS LEFT OF THE HUMAN RACE! A PRIMITIVE REMNANT OF A ONCE GREAT PEOPLE! GO BACK, AND WARN THEM!

IF WE TELL THEM WHAT WE HAVE SEEN, THEY'LL THINK WE'VE GOT A PRIMITIVE REMNANT OF A BRAIN! THEY WILL THINK WE ARE NUTS!
ERK! CHARLIE'S NOT BEING VERY TACTFUL!


ER... EXCUSE CHARLIE, HE'S TIRED. BUT WE CAN'T GO BACK, BECAUSE OUR TIME MACHINE HAS RUN OUT OF ENERGY!
BESIDES, IF WE WARN THE PEOPLE OF OUR TIME NOT TO MAKE THE BIG EXPLOSION, THEN IT WON'T HAPPEN, AND YOU WON'T BE HERE TO ASK US TO WARN THEM. GET MY MEANING?
BLIMEY, MIKE! YOU CAN'T EXPECT THIS OLD REPTILE TO UNDERSTAND THAT KIND OF TALK!
HE UNDERSTANDS! MUCH MORE LIKE THAT, AND WE'LL BE DRAGON FOOD!
TCH, TCH! CALM YOURSELF, COMRADE!
TOMORROW, YOUR GUIDES WILL LEAD YOU TO THE ENERGY FOUNTAIN! THERE, YOU WILL FIND FUEL FOR YOUR MACHINE!
LUCK BE WITH YOU, CHILDREN OF THE OLD TIME!
YOU CAN SLEEP IN THIS TENT.*
GREAT! I'M EXHAUSTED! I HAVEN'T BEEN TO BED FOR 6,000 YEARS!
DON'T BE CHEEKY, CHARLIE!
* HOUSE

EARLY NEXT MORNING, THE INTREPID VOYAGERS HEAD SOUTH, TO THE MYSTIC FOUNT OF POWER...
ABOUT NOON...
SNIFF! SNIFF!
SNIFF!
DON'T YOU EVER EAT? A BIG ANIMAL LIKE THIS MUST GET REALLY HUNGRY—
BE QUIET! TYRANNOSAURUS VERY CLOSE!
T-T-T-T TYRANNOSAURUS!
UUUAARG!!

HOLD TIGHT!
I C-C-C CAN'T
GROAAR!!
CHUNK!
HELP!
AAARRRG!!
YAROAG!
TWANG
THUD!
TCH!
HE THOUGHT WE WERE HIS LUNCH! NOW HE'S OUR LUNCH!
I'M NOT HUNGRY.


TOWARDS EVENING...
THE SOURCE OF POWER LIES IN THE FORBIDDEN ZONE!
WHY'S IT CALLED THE FORBIDDEN ZONE!
HERE LIVE THE COMMANDERS OF THE BEAM, THE LAST MASTERS OF WHITE MAGIC!
LEAVE-THE-FORBIDDEN-ZONE-
SUDDENLY-
TO BE CONTINUED

HA-HA! HI-HI! HO-HO!

Dear Mike,
Why did the elephants wear sunglasses?
So nobody could recognise them!

What did Tarzan do when he saw a herd of elephants coming his way?
Nothing! Because he did not recognise them!

Andrea Cliff, 205 Angram Place, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 5HJ.

Dear Mike,
What does the winner of a race lose?
His breath!

Teacher: What will you be when you leave school, Pete?
Pete: Happy!
Mark Harwood, 2 Shelley Avenue, Grimsby, South Humberside DN33 1NP.

Dear Mike,
Jane: Last night I had to get up and open the door in my nightie.
James: That's a funny place to have a door!
Emma Cooper, 6 Troubridge Close, South Woodham, Ferrers, Essex CM3 5YF.

Dear Mike,
What are zebras?
Horse who can't take their pyjamas off!

What do you get if you cross a cockerel with a poodle?
A cockerpoodledoo!
Paul Ispokes (9), Albatross Mill Lane, Saltfleet, Louth, Lincs LN11 7SA.

Dear Mike,
What does Tarzan eat for lunch?
Snake and pigmy pie!
Maria Mahoney, 9 Mill Hill Lane, Winshill, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs DE15 0BA.

Dear Mike,
What would you call a Chinese spy?
A Peking Tom!

Customer: "Waiter, waiter, this egg is bad!"
Waiter: "So it is. Shall I give it a good smack and tell it not to be naughty again!"

What did the electric rabbit say?
Watt's up Doc!
Nicola Hyland, 10 Eden Road, Beverley, North Humberside HU17 7HD.

Dear Mike,
Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Scott.
Scott who?
Scott nothing to do with you!
Emma Smith, Hill Farm, Croxton, Thetford, Norfolk.

WORST PRIZE

Dear Mike,
Why did the boy take a ruler to bed?
To see how long he slept!

Why did the boy take a pencil to bed?
To draw the curtains!
Michelle Miller, 231 Garth 24, Killingworth, Newcastle NE12 0DH.

Dear Mike,
What do you call a witch's motor-cycle?
A ba-roooooooooom stick!
Toni Cooper, 3 Boothroyden Road, Higher Blackley, Manchester M9 3RG.

Dear Mike,
Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Hatch!
Hatch who?
I'm so sorry, I did not know you had a cold!
Markla Klinche, 29 Salisbury Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 0HE.

Where do vampires go on holidays?
Batlins!
Marie Pilling (11), 2 Lloyd Crescent, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside WA12 9LD.

DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Greetings, loyal readers!
It seems like AGES since I last invited you to STROLL through the Dr C. Snark jokes page, TITTERING the while! What can you have been doing while I have been away, I wonder? Shuffling round, gloomily wondering what GEMS OF MIRTH await you in the next issue, no doubt. Well, here they are. All hand picked from your letters by my LARGE STAFF OF EXPERTS. And very hilarious they are too, or so I am told by Mike, who is as usual wallowing on the office floor with a mouthful of carpet to muffle his giggles.
Personally, my busy career as a GENIUS leaves me very little time for sniggering.
I did hear a good riddle the other day, though:
What lies in your breakfast bowl and laughs nastily?
Sneereal!
(groo! Signed, Mike!)
Well, I can't sit here all day making you laugh uproariously. I must be away to my great work on the Science of Worms. But please do remember to send in your jokes – as usual, there are many fine WORST PRIZES to be awarded in each issue!
Your Joke Editor,
Dr Charlie Snark.

Dear Mike,
There were 10 cats in a boat. One jumped out. How many were left?
None, because they were all copy cats!
Rakesh Bhundia, 168 Padholme Road, Peterborough PE1 5JB.

Dear Mike,
There were two flies in the airing cupboard. Which one was in the army?
The one on the tank!
Vincent Lawson (8), 23 Birkdale Avenue, Boughton, Newark, Notts.

Dear Mike,
Where do skeletons go on holiday?
For a swim in the Dead Sea!
Christina Carson, 64 Northlands, Leyland, Preston, Lancs PR5 3XR.

Dear Mike,
Why is Cinderella rubbish at football?
She has a pumpkin for a coach and she runs away from the ball!
Alexander Hunt, 38 Pennine Way, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics LE6 5EW.

Dear Mike,
Three slightly deaf grannies were walking down the street. The first granny said: "Windy isn't it?" The second granny said: "No, it's Thursday." The third granny said: "I'm thirsty too, let's go and have a cup of tea."
Emma Boucher (13), 21 Park Hill Road, Harborne, Birmingham B17 9SJ.

Dear Mike,
What happened after the ghost went into the farmyard?
The cows gave milkshakes!

What did the Egyptian mummy say when she packed her little boy off to school?
Wrap up well darling!

What did the stewardess say to the ghost passengers?
Fasten your sheet belts!
Jayne Windsor, 19 Brodie Close, South Shields, Tyne & Wear NR34 8LB.

Dear Mike,
Where are the Andes?
On the end of your wristies!

Mummy, mummy, I've got daddy's ladder!
What did daddy say?
Aaaaaaaaaah!

Doctor: Nurse why are you creeping past the medicine cabinet?
Nurse: I don't want to wake the sleeping pills!

Teacher: Why were you off school yesterday?
Boy: I was sick.
Teacher: Sick of what?
Boy: Sick of school!

WORST PRIZE

Wally: Does this train run on time?
Guard: No it runs on tracks!

What smells most in a perfume shop?
Your nose!

Nerd: I haven't slept for days!
Ferd: Aren't you tired?
Nerd: No, I do all my sleeping at nights!

Mum: Jimmy you've got your shoes on the wrong feet!
Jimmy: But mum these are the only feet I've got!
Pamela Carroll (13), 63 Honinton Avenue, Hattersley, Hyde, Cheshire SK14 3HR.

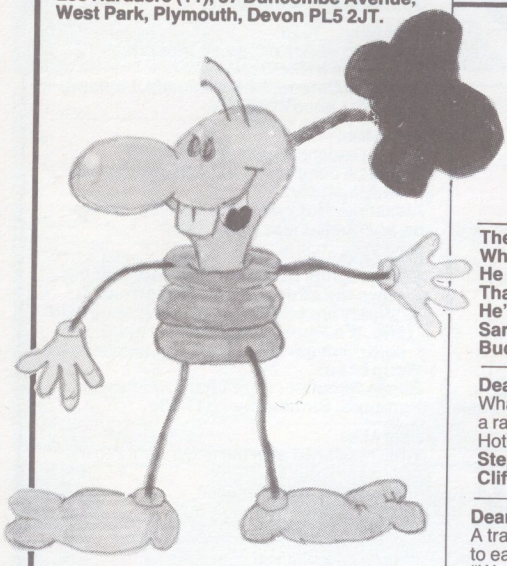
BRAIN TEASER
There is a lady that works in a confectioners shop, who has brown hair, a big nose, false teeth and small ears, who wears a blue hat, six woolly jumpers and high-heeled shoes. What does she weigh?
ANSWER: Sweets.

Dear Mike,
Where would an astronaut park his spaceship?
At a parking meteor!

Special Arty Crafty Spot

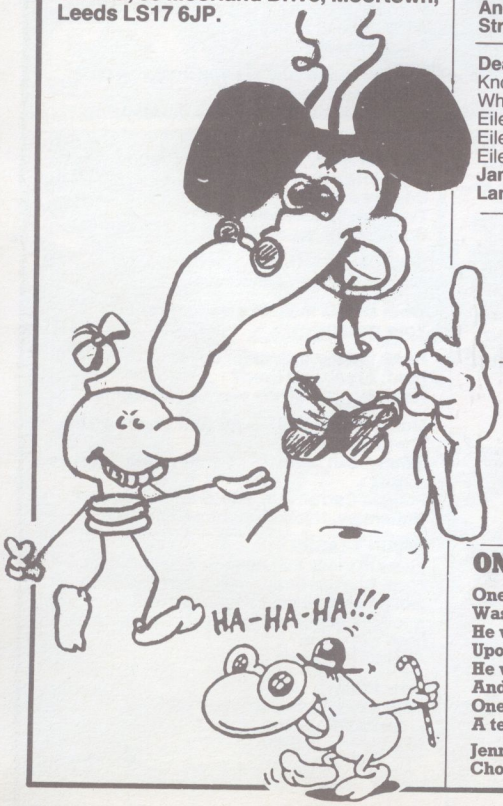
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR ARTISTIC READERS

Dear Mike,
I have drawn a picture of Mr Blirriant. Could you print it in the next Comic?
Lee Hardacre (11), 37 Duncombe Avenue, West Park, Plymouth, Devon PL5 2JT.



Dear Mike,
I hope you will print these drawings in your magazine.

I think your magazine is ACE!
Sorry this is such a short letter.
Please write soon.
Serena, 35 Moorland Drive, Moortown, Leeds LS17 6JP.



JOKES extra

Dear Mike,
Knock Knock
Who's there?
Scott,
Scott who?
Scott nothing to do with you!

There once was a man from Dundee
Who climbed up a very high tree,
He felt such a clown,
That he couldn't get down,
He's been there since 1903.
Sarah Major, 4 Woodstock Gardens, St. Budeaux, Plymouth, Devon.

Dear Mike,
What do you get if you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole?
Hot cross bunnies!
Stephen Wilkins (9), 1 Wichnor Close, Clifton Grove, Nottingham NG11 8PE.

Dear Mike,
A tramp went to a lady's house for something to eat.
"Would you mind eating yesterday's soup?"
"No" said the tramp.
"Good!" said the lady. "In that case come back tomorrow!"

A man having dinner at Crewe
Found a small hairy mouse in his stew
Said the waiter, "Don't shout
And wave it about
Or the others will want one too!"
Andrea Hopkins, 4 The Plain, Whiteshill, Stroud, Glos. GL6 6AA.

Dear Mike,
Knock Knock.
Who's there?
Eileen!
Eileen who?
Eileened on a fence and it fell over!
James Coates, Rosemary Cottage, Mill Lane, Blakenhall, Nantwich.

Dear Mike,
How did you hurt your foot?
Tim fell on it!
Tim who?
Timber!!
Julia Vale, 73 Northampton Road, Market Harborough.

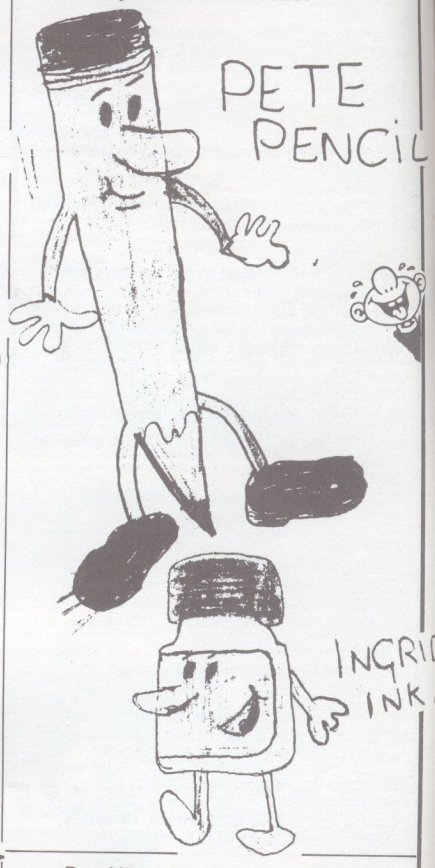
Dear Mike,
From Our Bookshelf.
The Unknown Author by Ann Onymous.
Road Transport by Laurie Driver.
Jungle Fever by Amos Quito.
Tea for Two by Roland Butter.
The Drawing Lesson by Art Master.
Claire Hibbert (12),
Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 2DD.

ONE-EYED JACK.

One-eyed Jack, the pirate chief,
Was a terrible, fearsome ocean thief.
He wore a peg,
Upon one leg.
He wore a hook,
And a dirty look.
One-eyed Jack, the pirate chief –
A terrible, fearsome ocean thief.

Jennifer Makinson (10),
Chorley, Lancashire PR7 2HQ.

Dear Mike,
Here are some pictures of your friends, I hope you will publish them in your magazine.
Jayne Windsor (13), 19 Brodie Close, South Shields, Tyne & Wear NE34 8LB.



Dear Mike,
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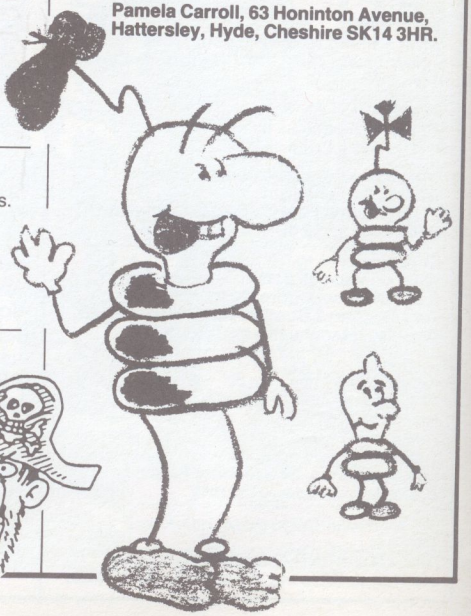
Pamela Carroll, 63 Honinton Avenue, Hattersley, Hyde, Cheshire SK14 3HR.



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CARTOON STRIP WRITER

Here's your chance to write the words for a REAL comic strip! Fill the bubbles with a story of your own, and send it to MIKE! We'll PRINT the winner – and there are special prizes for the best three entries!

Name _____

Age _____ **Address** _____

_____

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS APRIL 22nd

Mike's Pick-a-Pen-Pal Spot

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a penpal from Great Britain aged between 13 and 15. My hobbies are folk dancing, reading, writing letters, playing tennis, listening to music and dancing.
Satu KEMPPAINEN (13), Paaskytie 11, 93600 Kuusamo, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a penpal from England aged about 12. My hobbies are: ballet, reading and writing letters.
Terhi KAARNA (12), Minervankatu 2 C38, 00100 Helsinki 10, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
My name is Tanja and I would like a girl penpal from England. My hobbies are reading (Mike comic), writing letters, animals, music and swimming. Please send a photo with your letter.
Tanja ANDERSON (10), Wachorder-strasse 12, 4708 Karmen-Methler, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are cycling, English, writing letters, reading comics (Mike), music, swimming and writing songs. I would like a boy penpal from England aged about 14.
Matthias RAPF (14), Saarstrasse 31, 7254 Hemmingen, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading, listening to music and painting. My favourite pop groups are A-Ha and Wind. I would like a penpal aged about 12, and please send me your photo.
Nicole KAEMER (12), Lichtenmoor-strasse 1, 3071 Heemsen (Mienburg/W), WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
Hi, I'm looking for a 13-14 year old penfriend from the U.K. I am a Scout and I like reading, dancing and playing the piano.
Kukka POYHONEN (13), Hameenpuisto 17-19 A7, 33210 Tampere, FINLAND.
PS: I am 13 years old and I am a girl.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are: Scouting, sports, dogs and so on . . . I would like a boy penfriend aged about 10.
Jussi PAJUNEN (10), Urheilutie, 14300 Renko, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy penpal aged about 11-12. My hobbies are football, ice hockey and tennis.
Harri NURMI (11), Vesipojantie 5, 15880 Soramki, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are disco dancing, singing and listening to music, my favourite groups are: Bad Boys Blue, Pet Shop Boys, Bon Jovi, Sam Fox, Jennifer Rush, Scorpions and CC Catch. I would like a penpal aged about 14-15.
Marianne LIIMATAINEN (15), Hiilapolku 1, 92160 Saloinen, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are handball, basketball, listening to the radio and letter writing. I would like a penpal aged about 13 and I will answer all your letters.
Claudia HANSEMANN (13), Hauptstrasse 28, 2805 Stuhr 3, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
I am 9 years old and would like a girl penpal from England. My hobbies are going skiing, ice skating, animals and reading.
Verena HOBLIHA (9), Kunzegasse 1, 7210 Mattersburg, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are skiing, swimming and Scouting. I like A-Ha, Spandau Ballet and Sting and I would like a penpal from England aged between 12 and 14.
Ilaria MARMOCCHI (13), Belvedere 9, 24022 Alzano L., ITALY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are swimming and volleyball. I like Madonna, Europe, Duran Duran and Ecos Ramazrzotte. I would like a girl penpal aged about 10 years old.
Annalisa ROCCHI (10), S. Tomaso 44, 24052 Azzanos Paolo, ITALY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading, swimming, playing tennis and listening to music. I would like a boy penpal aged about 15.
Emilia COSCIA (15), Spolverini No. 50, 37131 Verona, ITALY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are music (A-Ha), Madonna and Duran Duran), playing tennis, writing letters and watching TV. I would like a boy penpal aged about 15.
Paola STROPENI (15), S. Donato No. 30, Osio Sotto, ITALY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are handball, reading, playing the flute and organ and swimming. I would like a penpal aged between 12 and 15 who can speak French too.
Sandra APWISCK (13), Geibelstrasse 10, 2847 Barnstorf, (Bundesland Niedersachsen), WEST GERMANY.

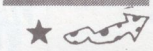
Dear Mike,
To all A-Ha fans! I am 12 years old and would like a penpal from England. My hobbies are music (A-Ha), cycling and collecting anything to do with A-Ha.
Tanja DEPPE (12), Mittelstrasse 37, 3421 Honden am Harz, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
Hi, I am a 14 year old girl from Finland. I am looking for a penfriend from Great Britain who is a girl aged between 12 and 15. My hobbies are: tennis, skiing, golf, dancing and listening to music.
Nina VAYRYNEN (14), Tillimaki 16, 00330 Helsinki, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
I would like a penpal aged between 13 and 14 interested in: water skiing, roller skating, downhill skiing, writing letters and listening to music (Bruce & Bongo, Falco, Mel & Kim and Divine, etc. . .).
Ellu RONKKO (13), Tikkalantie 3, 86800 Pyhasalmi, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are football, tennis, roller skating, swimming and computers. I like intelligent girls who are very sportive. I also like music and my favourite singers are Madonna and Kool and the Gang. I would like a girl penpal aged about 13.
Johan MISCHE (13), 23 Avenue Gabriel Peri, 93400 Saint Ouen, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
Hello, my hobbies are football, swimming, computers and collecting stamps. My favourite pop stars are Blondie, Alpha and J. J. Goldman. I would like a girl penpal aged about 13.
Armaud LARS (13), 23 Avenue Gabriel Peri, 93400 Saint Ouen, FRANCE.



Dear Mike,
I would like a girl penpal aged about 13. My hobbies are aerobics, swimming, skiing, art, music and animals. Please send me a photo of yourself, and I will answer all your letters.
Catherine INGOLD (13), 42 Rue du 21 Novembre, 68790 Morschwiller-le-Bas, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading (Mike), swimming, letter writing and going skiing. I would like a penpal aged about 12. I also like animals and listening to music.
Katrin KOSLOWSKI (12), Osterburger Weg 24, 2970 Emdenik Deutschearnchord, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
Hello! My hobbies are collecting stamps, sports, swimming and reading. I will answer all your letters. I would like a penpal aged about 11.
Eleonora DELL'OLIO (11), Roma 39, 85100 Potenza, ITALY.

Dear Mike,
I like animals and listening to music. I am looking for a girl penpal from any country who can speak French.
Elsa METICHE (8), 2 Rue d'Ormesson, 93800 Epinay/ Seine, FRANCE.

Dear Mike,
Hello! My name is Satu and I'm 14 years old. I'm looking for a girl penpal about the same age from England. My hobbies are: jazz dance and listening to music like Madonna and Bon Jovi.
Satu Nylund (14), Ahventie 7B, 01790 Vantao, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
My interests are football, tennis, Scouting, collecting stamps and chess. I would like a boy penpal aged about 9-12.
Antti AARINO (10), Lukoilantie 10B 13, 20310 Turku, FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
I like horses and cats, and I would like a penpal from England aged about 12-14.
Marjo KORPI (12), Keskustie 4A7, 60550 Nurmo. FINLAND.

Dear Mike,
My interests are reading, dancing and listening to music (A-Ha). I would like a penpal aged between 13-15, and please enclose a photo with your first letter.
Dorothee BECKER (13), Michelsenstrasse 13, 3032 Fallingbosthel 1, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing tennis and table-tennis, skiing, volleyball, reading and listening to music (Pet Shop Boys, Madonna and Bon Jovo, etc.). I would like a girl penpal aged about 13 and please send me a photo with your first letter.
Sandra SCHMIDT (13), Schlossgarten-strasse 17, 8851 Nordendorf, WEST GERMANY.

Dear Mike,
I would like a penpal aged about 14 from England. My hobbies are reading, listening to music, ice skating and roller skating. Please enclose a photo with your letter.
Petra MAHLSTEDT (14), Wechold 129c, 2812 Hilgarmissen, WEST GERMANY.

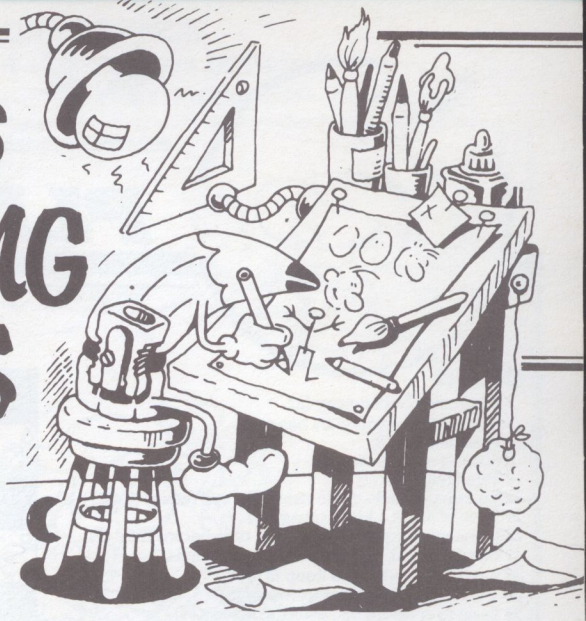
Dear Mike,
I would like to have a boy penfriend aged about 14. My hobbies are animals and volleyball.
Gilda FALLETTI (14), Pazzaglia No. 10, 48020 P. Fuori (RA), ITALY.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing video games, football and roller skating. I would like a girl penpal aged 14/15.
Simone MERLARI (15), Lunigana 17, 48100 Ravenna, ITALY.

For penfriends, joke suggestions, puzzles, write to:

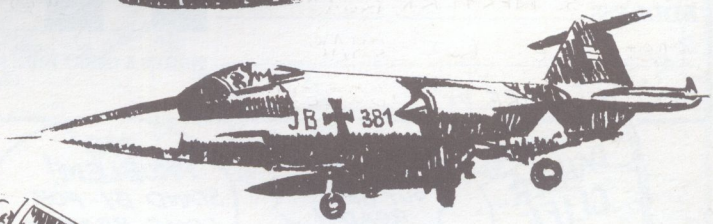
T.S.B.'s MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.

MIKE'S DRAWING CLASS

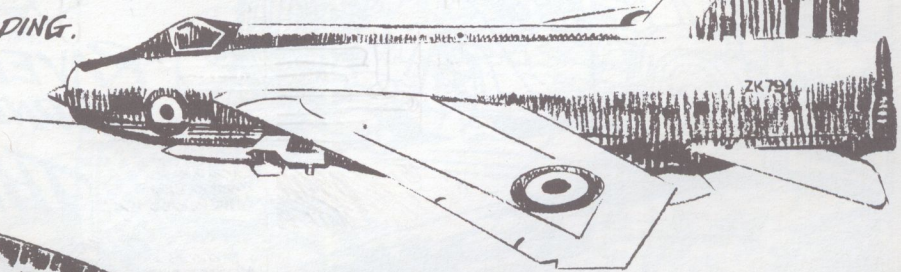


AS YOU KNOW, DR. CHARLIE IS FASCINATED BY AIRCRAFT - SO THIS MONTH WE'RE GOING TO SHOW YOU SOME MORE EXAMPLES OF CHARLIE'S AIRCRAFT SKETCHES. WITH SUMMER NOT TOO FAR AWAY, THERE WILL BE LOTS OF AIRSHOWS TO VISIT - BUT DON'T FORGET THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS - YOUR SKETCH PAD AND PENCIL!!

WORK AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN - IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOUR DRAWINGS ARE UNFINISHED.



TRY USING A SOFT PENCIL TO CREATE SHADING.



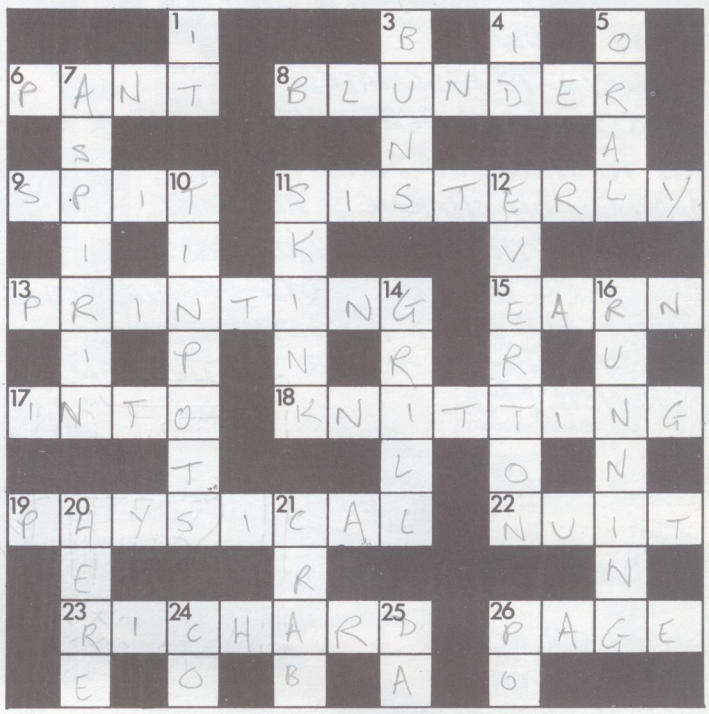
Mr. Blirriant's PLIZE CLOSSWORD

DOWN

1 Information technology (2)
3 Small cakes enjoyed by bears (4)
4 Identification (2)
5 Spoken examination (4)
7 Pain killing pill (7)
10 Saucepans made of old cans? Not spit (anag) (3,4)
11 Type of lizard – kinks (anag) (5)
12 Merseyside football team – not reve backwards! (7)
14 Part of cooker – or window of prison cell (5)
16 – – – – – – – helps you keep fit (7)
20 – – – – –, there, and everywhere (5)
21 Seaside creature that walks sideways (4)
24 Commanding Officer (2)
25 District Attorney (2)
26 Post Office (2)

ACROSS

6 To puff – take one letter out of Plant (4)
8 Stumble clumsily – or put on the front of buss to make old gun (7)
9 Expectorate, or roast on one of these (4)
11 Like a sister, in sister lying (8)
13 Gutenberg invented the – – – – – – – – press (8)
15 Get money – near (anag) (4)
17 "– – – – the valley of death rode the Six Hundred" (4)
18 Making a jersey, using two needles and wool (8)
19 What the "p" in p.e. stands for (8)
22 French for night (4)
23 – – – – – – – the Lionheart, King of England (7)
26 Boy assistant to 23 – or part of book (4)



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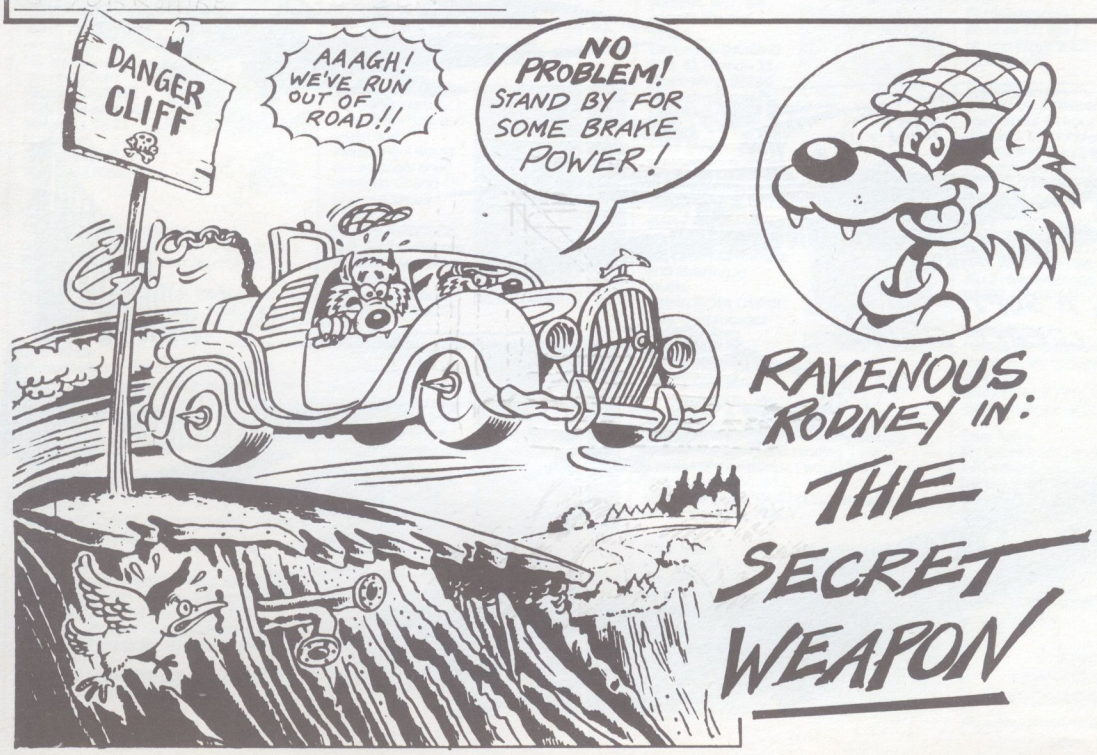
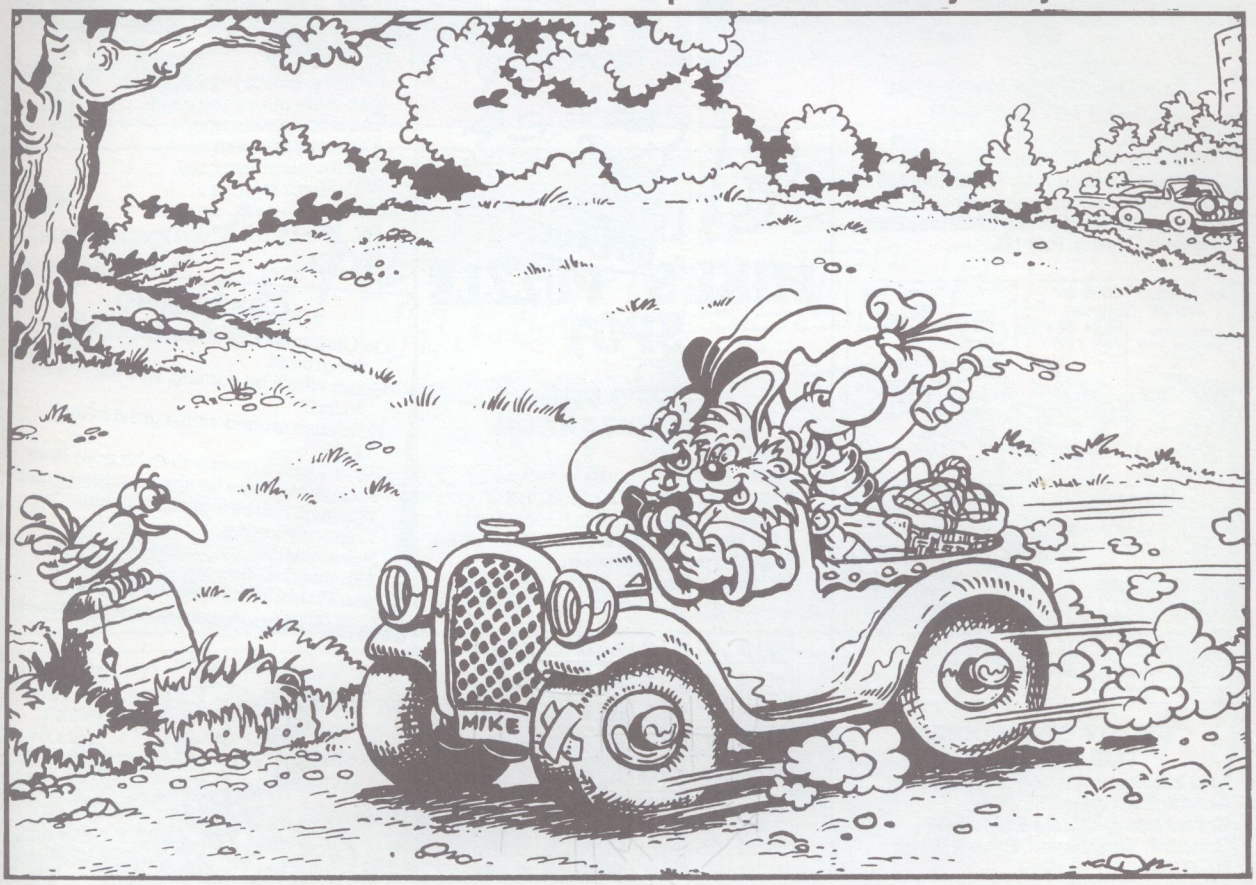
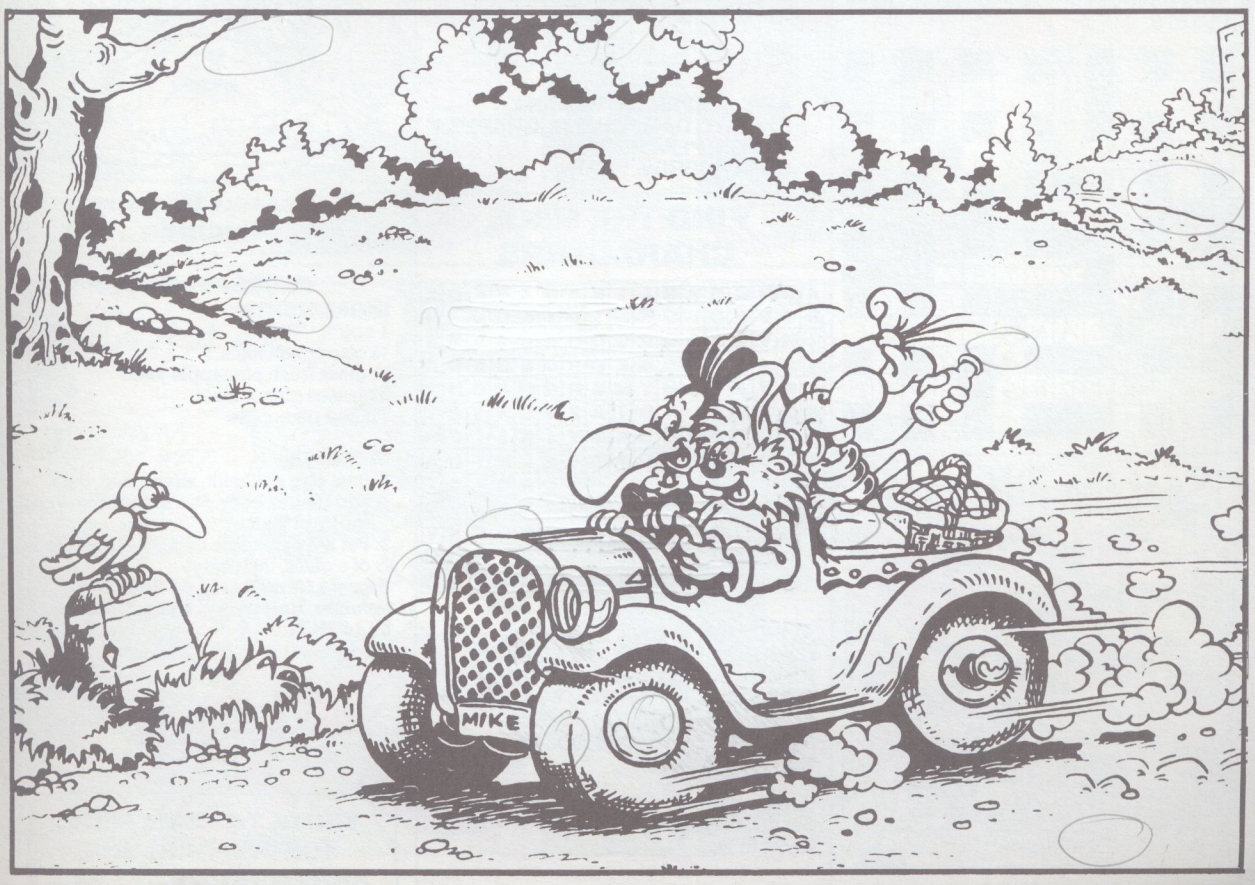
THERE'S A GREAT PRIZE FOR THE FIRST THREE CORRECT ENTRIES OUT OF THE POSTBAG.
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS APRIL 22nd.



THE PICNIC

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE
There are 10 differences between the two pictures. How many can you find?





Answer P.16.

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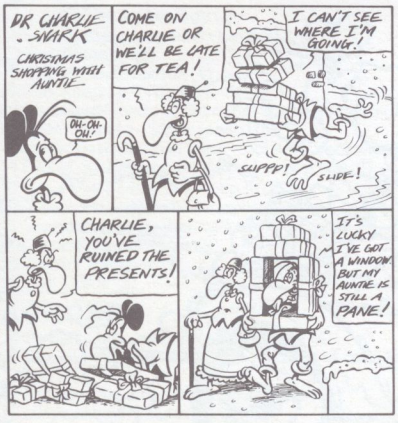
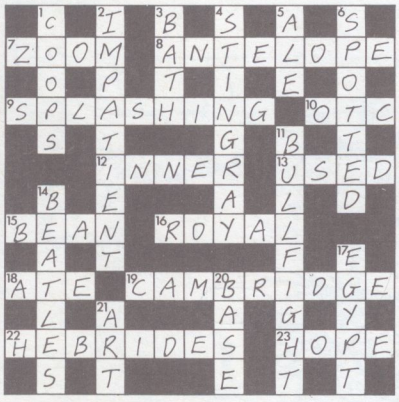
COMIC STRIP WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER

1st: Joseph McGonagle (9), 17 Deva Close, Poynton, Cheshire SK12 1HH.
2nd Sally Kitchen (10), 17 Northfields, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics LE6 5HR.
3rd: Nichola Hutton (9), 27 Calder Drive, Catterall, Preston PR3 1ZL.


DR CHARLIE SNARK
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH AUNTIE
OH-OH-OH!
COME ON CHARLIE OR WE'LL BE LATE FOR TEA!
I CAN'T SEE WHERE I'M GOING!
SLIPPP!
SLIDE!
CHARLIE, YOU'VE RUINED THE PRESENTS!
IT'S LUCKY I'VE GOT A WINDOW BUT MY AUNTIE IS STILL A PANE!

CROSSWORD WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER

Lisa McNulty, 134 Southwood Drive, Accrington, Lancs BB5 2TU.
C. Embleton, 52 Hollinhill Road, Concord, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE37 2DP.
Miss Anath, 51 Breedon Hill Road, Derby DE3 6TH.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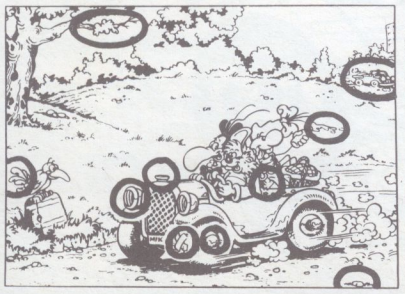
Spot the difference solution



MIKE'S PUZZLE SPOT

MIKE'S FRUITY WORDSEARCH

Dear Mike,
Here I have sent you a Wordsearch Puzzle to put in your magazine. You have to find all the fruits. Good Luck!
Lisa Broadhead, Rook Cottage, 30 High Street, Braithwell, Nr. Rotherham, S. Yorks S66 7AL.

W	B	I	G	P	L	U	M	U	S
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APPLE, APRICOT, BANANA, CHERRY, DAMSON, FIG, GRAPES, MELON, PEACH, PLUM, STRAWBERRY, PEAR.

FIND THE MIKE CHARACTERS

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ALFIE, BONEHEAD, COLOURS, DORIS DICTIONARY, DR CHARLIE SNARK, HARRY HAT, HATTIE HAT, INGRID INK, MIKE, PERCY PEN, PETE PENCIL, RITA RULER, RODGER RUBBER, RAVENOUS RODNEY, MR BLIRRIANT.

Jayne Windsor (13), 19 Brodie Close, South Shields, Tyne & Wear NE34 8LB.

Hickory, dickory dock,
Two mice ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
A mouse ran down . . .
And the other escaped,
With Minor injuries . . . !
By Jenny Clowes, aged 13.

PS. We think Mike magazine is...
ACE!

GUESS WHO

On Christmas Eve when there's frost on the ground.
Guess who'll be coming, he's jolly and round?
He comes around with a great heavy sack.
He delivers presents then he goes back.
Back to his home he always goes.
You might catch a glimpse of him, nobody knows.

Poem written by Joanne Schofield, 25b Butchill Avenue, Ecclesfield, Sheffield S5 9DH. Phone 452506.

Ravenous Rodney's Recipes

PINEAPPLE FLOP

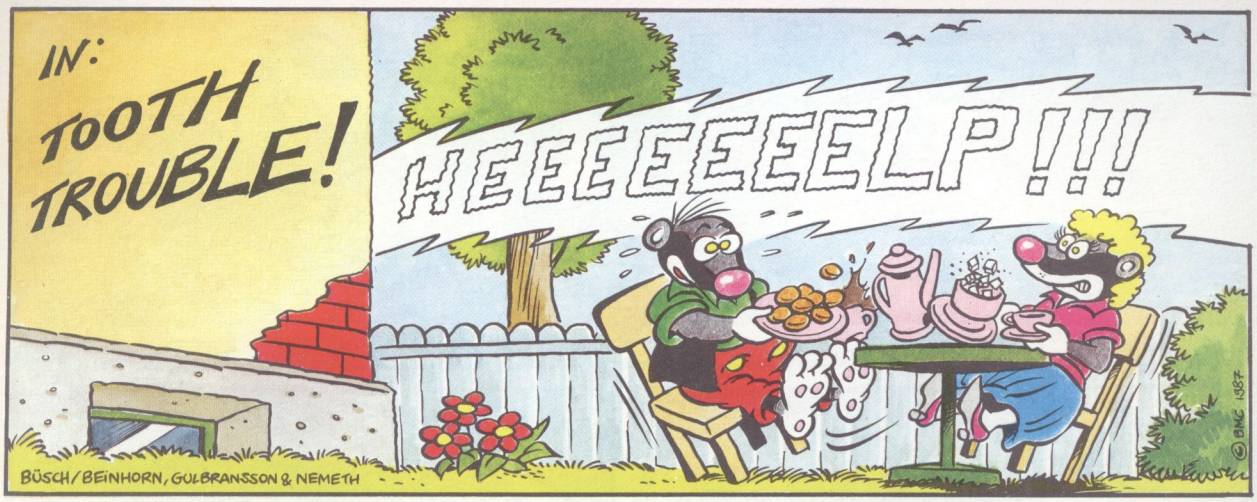
INGREDIENTS:
1 egg
½ glass fresh milk
½ glass fresh pineapple juice
2 glasses ginger beer
Tinned pineapple

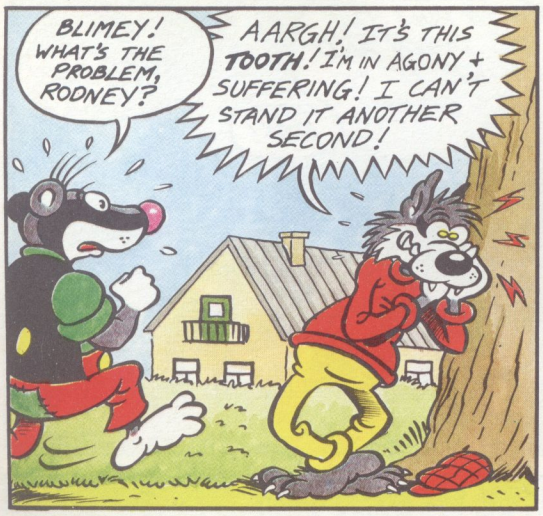
METHOD:
1. Beat egg and milk, whisk well, then add ginger beer. Stir, then leave to cool for ½ an hour.
2. Put 2-3 pineapple chunks at the bottom of a glass, then serve.

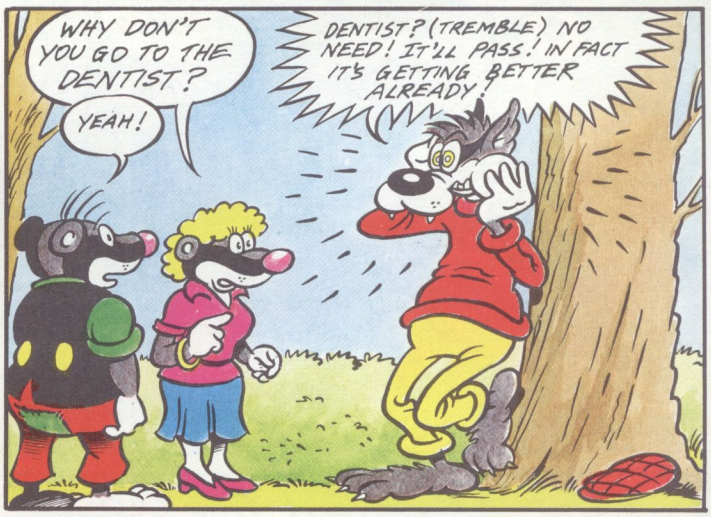
Pamela Carroll (13), 63 Honinton Avenue, Hattersley, Hyde, Cheshire SK14 3HR.

WRITE TO TSB's MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.

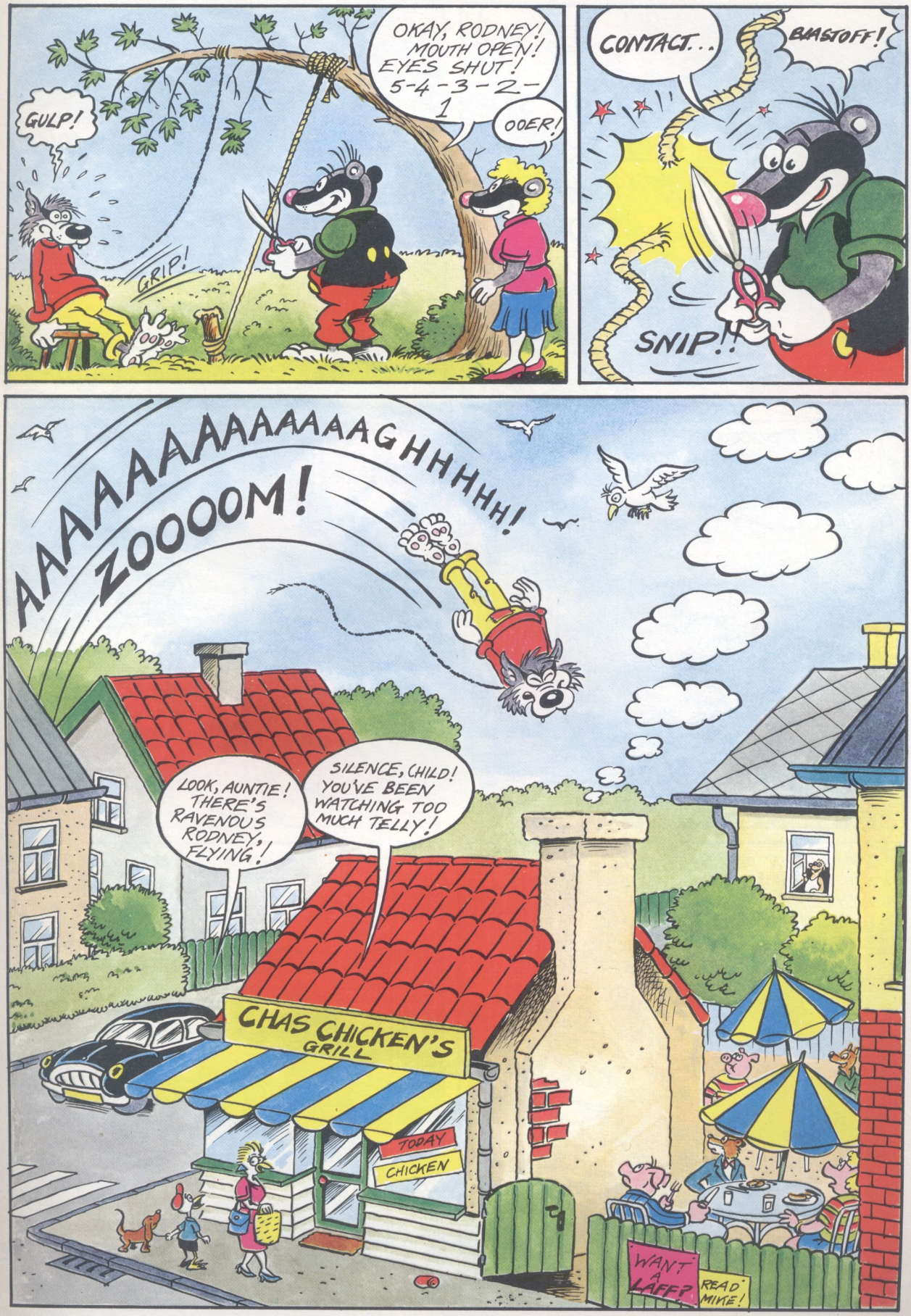
RAVENOUS RODNEY

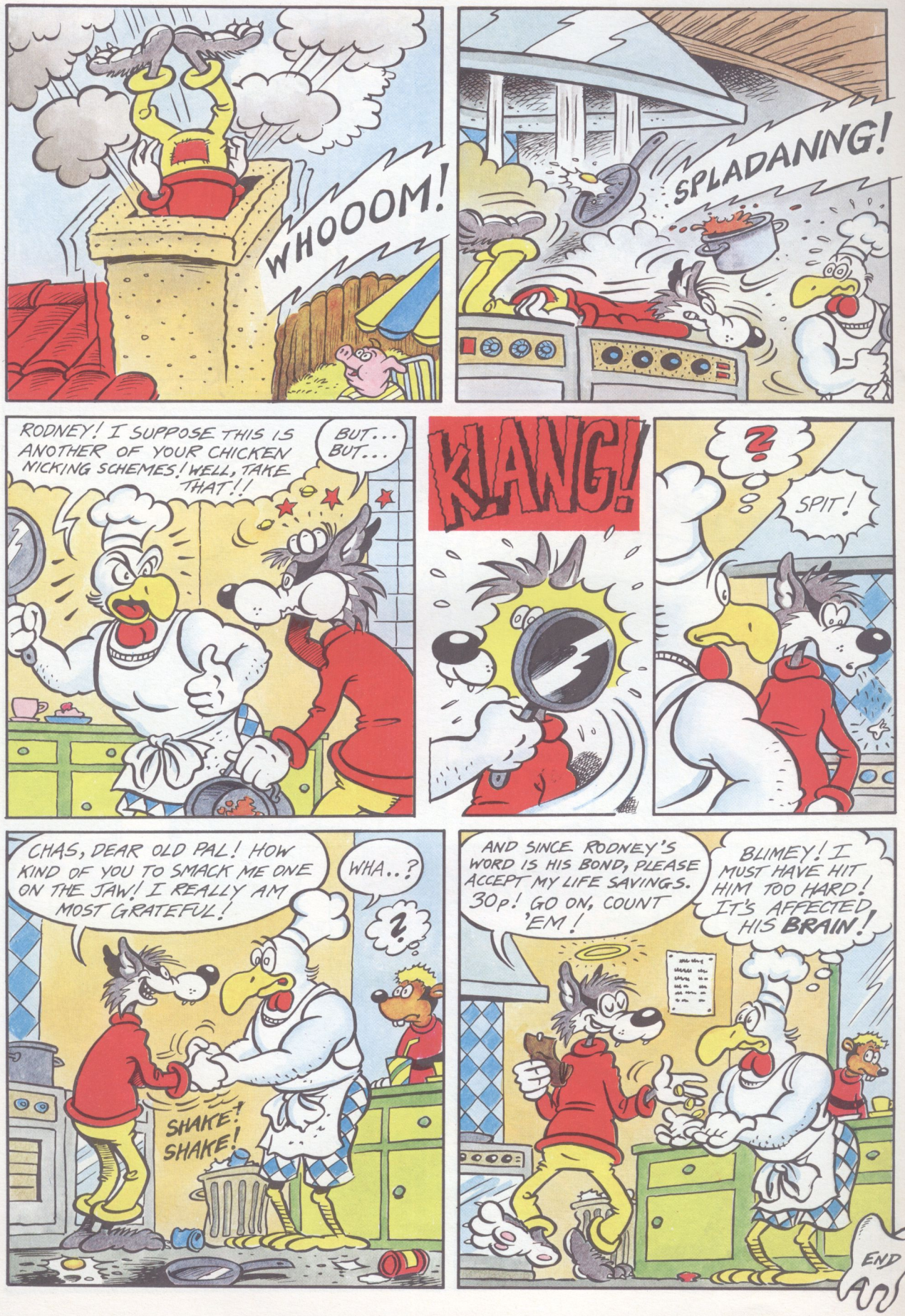




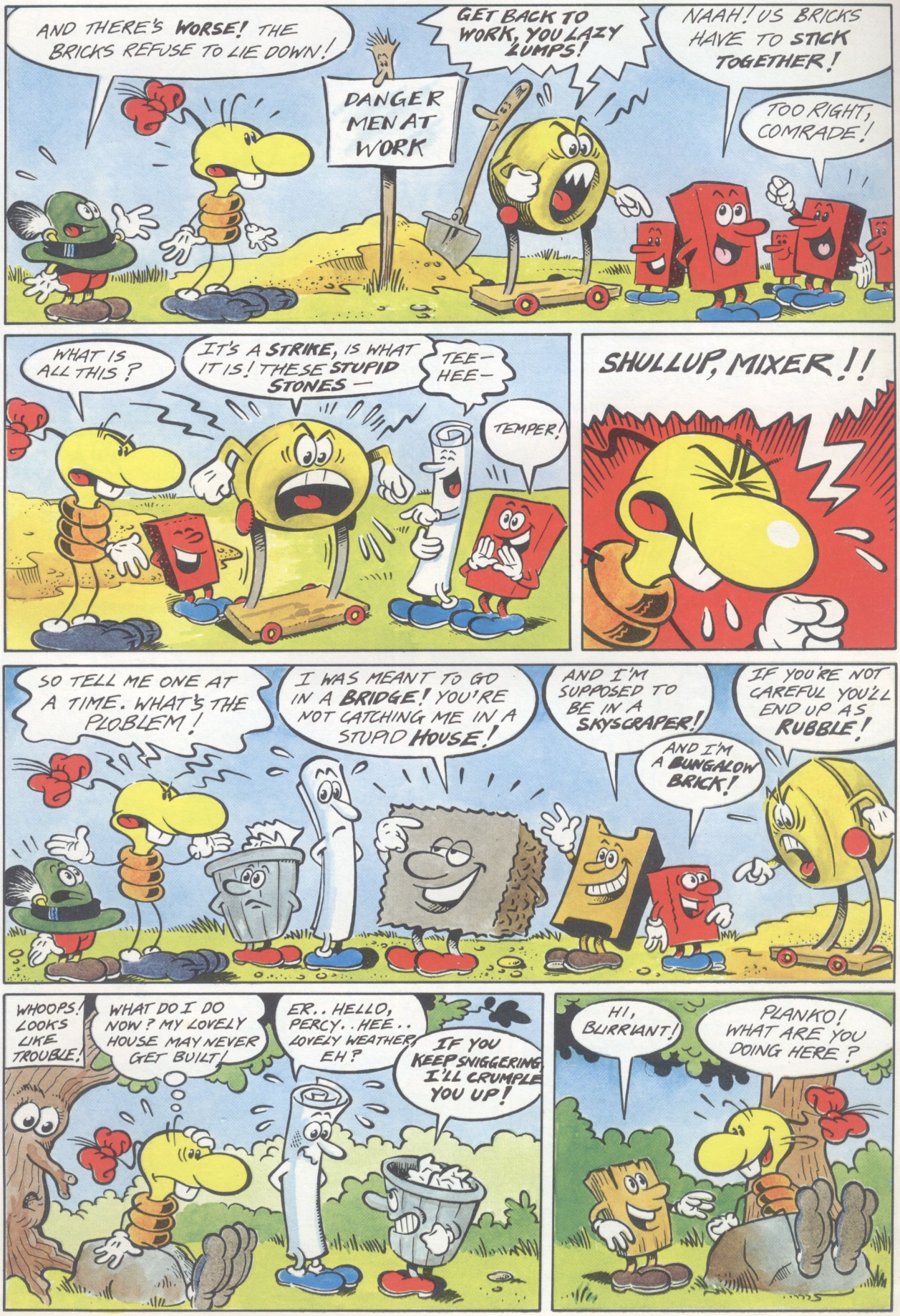


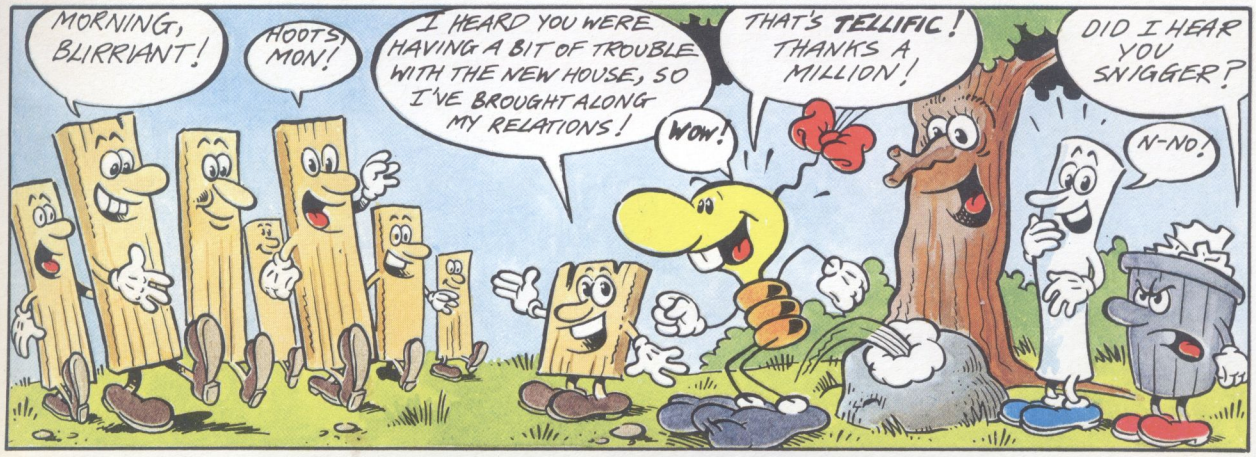
I'LL PAY ANYTHING. ANYTHING TO GET OUT OF THIS MISERY! MY LIFE SAVINGS! 30P!
I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS! WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO!
'OOK HEAH! 'E 'IG ONE AT 'E 'ACK!
COR! WHAT A DISGUSTING SIGHT! IT'LL HAVE TO COME OUT!
TIME TO ERECT DR. BONEHEAD'S TOOTH EXTRACTOR!
?
RIGHT, NURSE! I REQUIRE SOME STOUT ROPE, SOME THIN STRING, AND A SMALL TREE!
HOW ABOUT SOME RED HOT PINCERS?
A LITTLE LATER..
EXCELLENT! NOW TO PULL THE TREE DOWN AND SECURE IT TO THIS STUMP..
CHECK, BOSS!
ULP!
NOW I'LL JUST LASH THIS STRING TO YOUR TOOFY PEG...
AND WHEN WE CUT THE ROPE, PYOING! NO MORE PROBLEMS!
ER... MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GO TO THE DENTIST AFTER ALL..
TOO LATE! STAY PUT, AND HANG ON TO YOUR SEAT! YOU WON'T FEEL A THING!
SHUDDER!

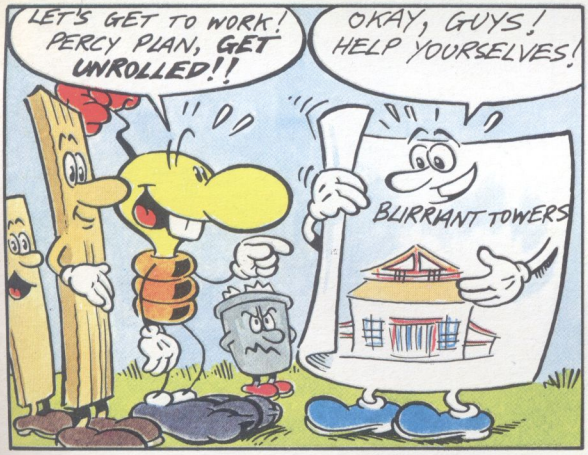

GULP!
GRIP!
OOOPS
OKAY, RODNEY! MOUTH OPEN! EYES SHUT! 5-4-3-2-1
OOER!
CONTACT...
BLASTOFF!
SNIP!!
AAAAAAAAAAAAAGHHHHH!
ZOOOOM!
LOOK, AUNTIE! THERE'S RAVENOUS RODNEY, FLYING!
SILENCE, CHILD! YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING TOO MUCH TELLY!
CHAS CHICKEN'S GRILL
TODAY
CHICKEN
WANT A LAFF?
READ MIKE!

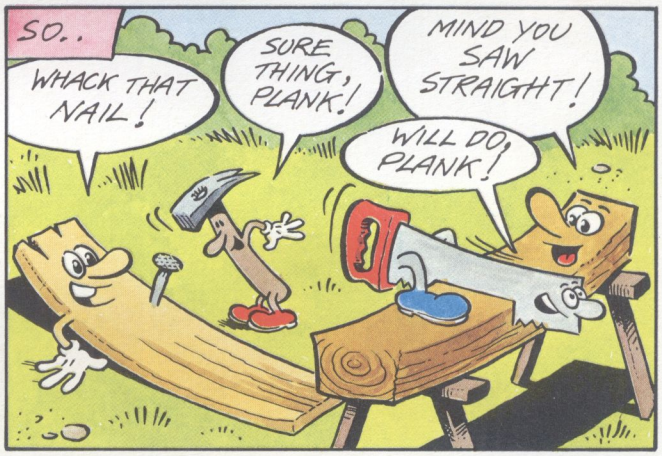

WHOOOM!
SPLADANNG!
RODNEY! I SUPPOSE THIS IS ANOTHER OF YOUR CHICKEN NICKING SCHEMES! WELL, TAKE THAT!!
BUT... BUT...
KLANG!
?
SPIT!
CHAS, DEAR OLD PAL! HOW KIND OF YOU TO SMACK ME ONE ON THE JAW! I REALLY AM MOST GRATEFUL!
WHA..?
?
SHAKE! SHAKE!
AND SINCE RODNEY'S WORD IS HIS BOND, PLEASE ACCEPT MY LIFE SAVINGS. 30p! GO ON, COUNT 'EM!
BLIMEY! I MUST HAVE HIT HIM TOO HARD! IT'S AFFECTED HIS BRAIN!
END

MR BLIRRIANT
TALES FOR THE LIGHT HEADED!
THE NEW HOUSE
HEE HEE!
IT TICKLES!
BLIRRIANT TOWERS
DON'T MOVE WHEN I'M TRYING TO DRAW YOU, PERCY PLAN!
HEE! STOPPIT!
AARGH! I CAN'T STAND IT! HEE, HEE!
KEEP STILL! I'M DLAWING THE CONSERVATORY CLOOKED!
AAGH, GET OFF MY BACK, PERCY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, BERT BIN?
BRILLIANT, BLIRRIANT!
IT'S AN ORIENTAL MONSTERPIECE!
QUICK! WE NEED YOU STRAIGHT AWAY! WE'VE GOT TROUBLE AT THE BUILDING SITE!
COR!
HEE! ME SIDES ARE SPLITTING! HOO!
STOP GIGGLING!
WHAT'S HAPPENING, HALLY HAT?
IT'S THIS HEATWAVE! ALL THE CEMENT BAGS HAVE GONE SWIMMING!
HOLLORS! THEY'LL GO AS HARD AS STONE!
HO! HEE! HA!
AND THE CEMENT MIXER WILL GET INDIGESTION.
HO! HOO! HIC!
AAAH, CONTROL YOURSELF, PERCY!


AND THERE'S WORSE! THE BRICKS REFUSE TO LIE DOWN!
DANGER MEN AT WORK
GET BACK TO WORK, YOU LAZY LUMPS!
NAAH! US BRICKS HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER!
TOO RIGHT, COMRADE!
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
IT'S A STRIKE, IS WHAT IT IS! THESE STUPID STONES —
TEE-HEE-
TEMPER!
SHULLUP, MIXER!!
SO TELL ME ONE AT A TIME. WHAT'S THE PLOBLEM!
I WAS MEANT TO GO IN A BRIDGE! YOU'RE NOT CATCHING ME IN A STUPID HOUSE!
AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IN A SKYSCRAPER!
AND I'M A BUNGALOW BRICK!
IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL YOU'LL END UP AS RUBBLE!
WHOOPS! LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE!
WHAT DO I DO NOW? MY LOVELY HOUSE MAY NEVER GET BUILT!
ER.. HELLO, PERCY.. HEE.. LOVELY WEATHER, EH?
IF YOU KEEP SNIGGERING I'LL CRUMPLE YOU UP!
HI, BLIRRIANT!
PLANKO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?


MORNING, BLIRRIANT!
HOOTS, MON!
I HEARD YOU WERE HAVING A BIT OF TROUBLE WITH THE NEW HOUSE, SO I'VE BROUGHT ALONG MY RELATIONS!
WOW!
THAT'S TELLIFIC! THANKS A MILLION!
DID I HEAR YOU SNIGGER?
N-NO!


LET'S GET TO WORK! PERCY PLAN, GET UNROLLED!!
OKAY, GUYS! HELP YOURSELVES!
BLIRRIANT TOWERS


SO..
WHACK THAT NAIL!
SURE THING, PLANK!
MIND YOU SAW STRAIGHT!
WILL DO, PLANK!

WEEKS LATER...
MY DLEAM HOME! BUILT! PERCY, YOU WERE TELLIFIC!
TRUE!
BLUSH! IT WAS NOTHING REALLY!
BIG-HEAD!

TSB
BANK
THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES